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FOR GENERAL BEVAN FROM []

1. FLYING WAS CANCELLED ON 20, 21 JULY DUE TO HIGH WINDS. WEATHER NOW IMPROVED AND FLIGHT SCHEDULE FOR 22 JULY NOW IN EFFECT AS PART OF NORMAL ROUTINE. IF PLAN (PER REF) REMAINS THE SAME FOR 22 JULY, PLAN IS TO GROUND BOTH AIRCRAFT ON 22 JULY WITH HQ CONCURRENCE FOR ONE OF FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. FUEL MANUFACTURER IN U. S. HAS DETERMINED FROM ROUTINE SAMPLING OF FUEL THAT [] FUEL BATCHES 31 AND 35 DO NOT MEET MIL SPECS. THEY RECOMMEND THIS FUEL NOT BE USED UNTIL SAMPLES CAN BE TESTED AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON FUEL LAB. IF THIS REASON IS TO BE USED, IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED WE STILL HAVE 3500 GALS. OF BATCH 4A THAT WE KEEP HERE FOR SAMPLING OF THE SAME BATCH AT ETL. WITH ONLY 3500 GALS OF THIS.

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25X1 HQ CAN SAY THIS FUEL IS TO BE USED ONLY IN EMERGENCY

 EVACUATION, ETC). TO MAKE THIS PLAUSIBLE TO25X1 ALL PERSONNEL AT , A COURIER WITH

THE SAMPLES SHOULD BE RETURNED TO HQ. THIS WOULD HOLD

DOWN FLYING FOR ABOUT SEVEN DAYS, ASSUMING FUEL IS

DECLARED OK AFTER COURIER ARRIVES HQ. FOR THE RECORD

THIS MAJOR TYPE OF FUEL PROBLEM HAS NOT OCCURRED SINCE

WE HAVE HAD THE U-2R.

B. A SECOND ALTERNATIVE IS FOR HQ TO GROUND ALL FLEETAIRCRAFT FOR INSPECTION OF A CRITICAL COMPONENT. THIS

COULD BE A "BALL BAT" ENGINE MOUNT, WING BOLTS, ETC.

(HQ'S CHOICE). TO MAKE THIS HOLD DOWN LAST A FEW DAYS,

INSPECTION SHOULD REQUIRE ENGINE ROLL BACK. THIS WOULD

PROBABLY HOLD US DOWN FOR TWO DAYS, AND WITH THE WEEK

END, THE AIRCRAFT WOULD BE READY TO FLY AGAIN ON 26 JULY.

2. ABOVE CHOICES OFFERED FOR HQ'S CHOICE. WHICHEVER IS

CHOSEN (OR IF HQ CAN THINK OF A BETTER ONE) WE NEED A MSG

FROM HQ NLT 2300Z 21 JULY TO PUT THIS INTO EFFECT AND

TO CANCEL THE SCHEDULED FLYING ON 22 JULY. INSTRUCTIONS

CAN BE SENT IN A "STRAIGHT" MESSAGE FROM HQ OR WITH

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YOUR CONCURRENCE, WE CAN MAKE DUMMY MSG HERE. I FEEL
THAT IF THIS WORKS WITHOUT SUSPICION FROM IT
WILL WORK ONLY ONCE. GP-1.

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